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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,842,980
AB United States Patent No. 5,293,126
AC United States Patent No. 4,629,989
AL German OS 197 41 748

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report dated February 25, 2004 rendered by the United Kingdom Patent Office in connection with the counterpart British application. A copy of the United Kingdom Search Report is submitted herewith. All of these references were cited in Category "A" as general background information.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

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All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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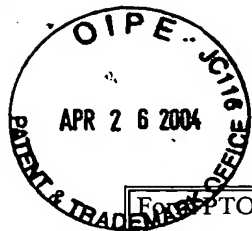
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